

REMARKS

In response to the October 15, 2008 Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-6, 8-19, and 25-27, drawn to a method of treating Parkinson's Disease, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a first composition comprising safinamide, a safinamide derivative or a MAO-B inhibitor and a second composition comprising at least one Parkinson's Disease agent, in an amount effective to treat said Parkinson's Disease in said patient. With respect to the species election of the first composition, Applicants elect safinamide for initial prosecution on the merits. For the species election of the second composition, Applicants elect levodopa for initial prosecution on the merits. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants request that upon allowance of a generic claim, the Examiner consider all additional species which depend from or otherwise require all of the limitations of the allowable generic claim. Applicants therefore request the right to rejoinder.

The following claims read on the elected species: 1-2, 8-10, 13-19 and 27.

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-6, 8-19, 25-27, 30, 34-40, 43, 46-48 and 51-56 are pending. Claims 30, 34-40, 43, 46-48 and 51-56, drawn to non-elected subject matter, have been withdrawn. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the withdrawn subject matter, as well as the originally presented claims, in continuing applications. Support for the amendments presented herein are found throughout the specification and in the claims as originally filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by the claim amendments presented herein.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe no additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 26204-501NATL.

Respectfully submitted,

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